

A JOINT MEMORIAL

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL G. HERRERA.

WHEREAS, Representative Manuel G. "Manny" Herrera died on October 21, 2007 at the age of seventy after a long, courageous battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Representative Herrera, a loving husband and father, is survived by his wife of thirty-two years, Kathleen Herrera, and his children, Maurice Herrera, Nick Contor, Christine Fitzgerald and Julie Smith, and he was preceded in death by his oldest daughter, Veronica Soriano; and

WHEREAS, Representative Herrera served his community for decades as a police officer, city councilor, mayor and judge before beginning his service to New Mexicans statewide as a state representative in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Representative Herrera was a tireless public servant and an advocate for working men and women, diligently representing the interests of Grant and Hidalgo counties with a steady, gentlemanly manner; and

WHEREAS, in spite of his illness, he faithfully executed the duties of his office, attending committee meetings and legislative sessions, traveling thousands of miles throughout the state with the help of his wife, Kathleen; and

WHEREAS, he shared his joy and enthusiasm and never

complained about the burden that only he could bear, remaining a true caballero to the very end;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the achievements and dedication of Representative Manuel G. "Manny" Herrera be recognized and celebrated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that his friends, family and colleagues will miss his humor, his charm and his devotion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this joint memorial be transmitted to his wife, Kathleen Herrera, and other family members.